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1. Between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. between Bistra (N 43-20, E 26-34) and Trapishte (N 43-22, E 26-33), more than 12 single-engine aircraft flying in a westerly direction. (See Figure 1 of Appendix A on page 3). The aircraft were flying at medium altitude and passed at approximately 5-minute intervals. Because of the distance, source could not see aircraft. 25X1A 25X1
2. Between 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. on the same day, source observed two or three twin-engine aircraft between Bistra and Trapishte, flying in an easterly direction. They passed singly at about 5-minute intervals. (See Figure 2 of Appendix A on page 3).
3. Between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. between Bistra and Trapishte, more than 18 twin-engine aircraft flying singly in an easterly direction, at about 5-minute intervals. 25X1A
4. Between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. south of Turgovishte more than 18 twin-engine aircraft all flying in an easterly direction at about 5-minute intervals. Later on in the same day, source observed three or four of the same type of aircraft flying in a westerly direction, at about the same location. 25X1A
5. Between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at Irechekovo (N 42-29, E 26-46) village of Yambol Okoliya, seven or eight twin-engine aircraft flying in an easterly direction. 25X1A
6. Later in the same day, source observed, over Irechekovo, three aircraft of a type shown in Figure 3 of Appendix A on page 3, flying in an easterly direction. The aircraft were flying at the same altitude and on parallel courses (See figure 4 of Appendix A on page 3). Two other planes of the same type flew at a higher altitude, in a northwesterly direction, crossing the line of flight of the first group. Two more planes, coming from the north-northeast, crossed over the other two flights. All of these aircraft were jet-powered.

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7. An unidentified informant told source that there were no jets stationed at Yambol airfield and that only old training planes were located there.

8. Source observed three training planes taking off from the Yambol airfield 

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9. The following legend refers to the Appendix on page 3 of this report:

_____ . Indicates those parts of the aircraft observed by source

----- Sketch completion lines

+ Single aircraft

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APPENDIX A

Figure # 1

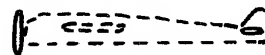
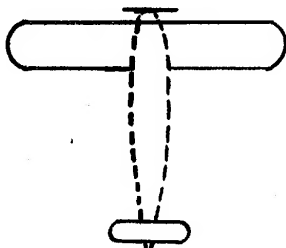


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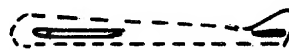
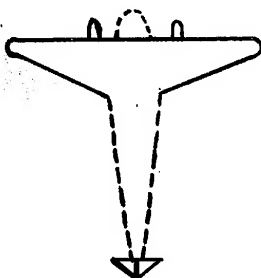


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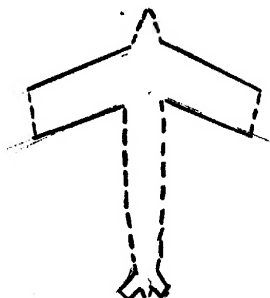
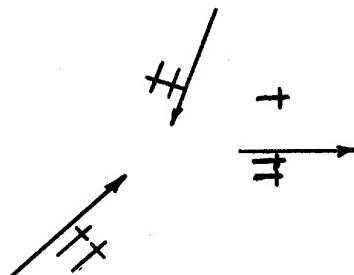


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